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1. The Ashkhabad/Firyuza Airfield is located approximately 25 kilometers west of Ashkhabad. It is rectangular in shape, and it is estimated [redacted] be four kilometers north to south and three kilometers east to west. [redacted] the airfield could be extended several kilometers to the north because the terrain in that area was flat.

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2. Personnel observed at the airfield were military. [redacted] 200-250 Soviet Air Force men taking physical training exercises. They were dressed in blue-green uniform trousers and undershirts.

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3. The Ashkhabad/Firyuza Airfield is pinpointed on an overlay [redacted] of this report. On page 4 is [redacted] sketch of the airfield.

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4. Following are legends to the overlay on page 3 and the memory sketch on page 4. Numbers in parentheses refer to numbers indicated on the sketches.

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- a. Legend to the WAC overlay on page 3.

- (1) Ashkhabad (N 37-57, E 58-23) - capital of Turkmen SSR, population 500,000, area eight kilometers square. Ashkhabad is the largest industrial center in Turkmen SSR.
- (2) Ashkhabad-Bijgiran, Iran (N 37-35, E 58-25) Road - a two lane, asphalt road approximately six meters wide.
- (3) Ashkhabad/Firyuza Airfield (N 37-55, E 58-05)-(see sketch on page 4).

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- (4) Firyuza-Ashkhabad Road - a two lane, asphalt road approximately six meters wide.
- (5) Firyuza (N 37-56, E 58-05) - a winter resort village of 500 inhabitants with an area two kilometers square. Firyuza is a border town between the USSR and Iran.
- (6) Rail line - a single-track, broad-gauge line which led from Bakharden (N 38-29, E 57-25) southeast to Ashkhabad. It was called the Ashkhabad Railroad.

b. Legend to Sketch on page 4.

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- (1) Firyuza Road, (Firvuzinskaya Doroga) - an asphalt, two-lane road, approximately eight meters wide, running from Ashkhabad to Firyuza.
- (2) Small bridge - three meters long, eight meters wide, with a small concrete railing 50 centimeters high, and 15 centimeters thick. This bridge spanned a creek named "Zolotoy Klyuchik".
- (3) Airfield - 4 x 3 kilometers, enclosed by a barbed wire fence, height unknown.
- (4) Three buildings - single story, stone construction, 25 x 7 x 6 meters, with low-pitched tile roofs. These buildings were used as billets for military personnel.
- (5) Aircraft parking area - gravel and clay surface, approximately 120 x 40 meters. approximately 20 aircraft, type AN-2 and TU-2 parked in this area.
- (6) Runway - gravel and clay surface, approximately 600 meters long, 15 to 18 meters wide. No runway lights were observed. The runway could be extended about two kilometers to the north.
- (7) Search light - stationary at time of observation. this was possibly a beacon light.

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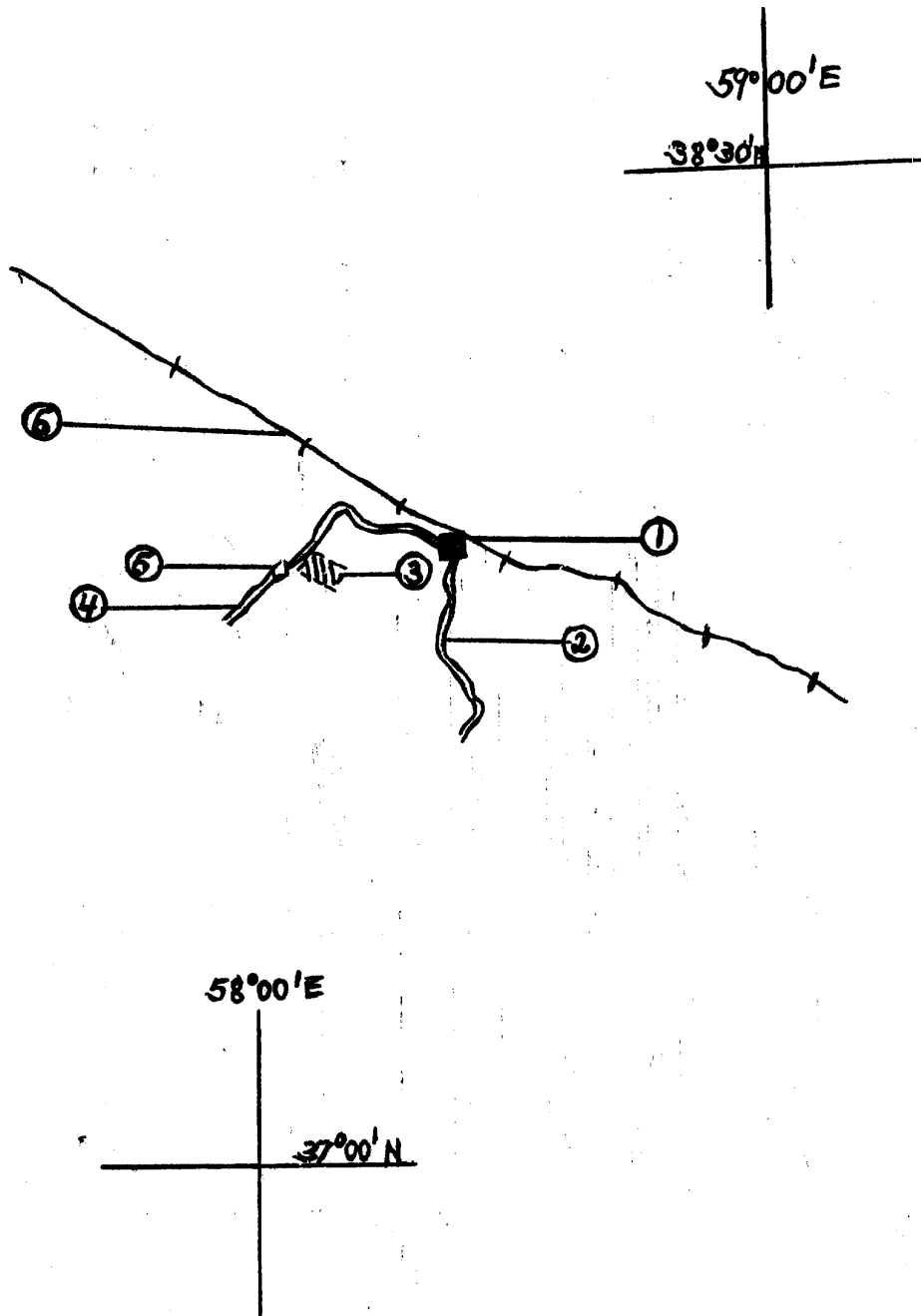


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Pinpoint Location of Ashkhabad/Firruza Airfield



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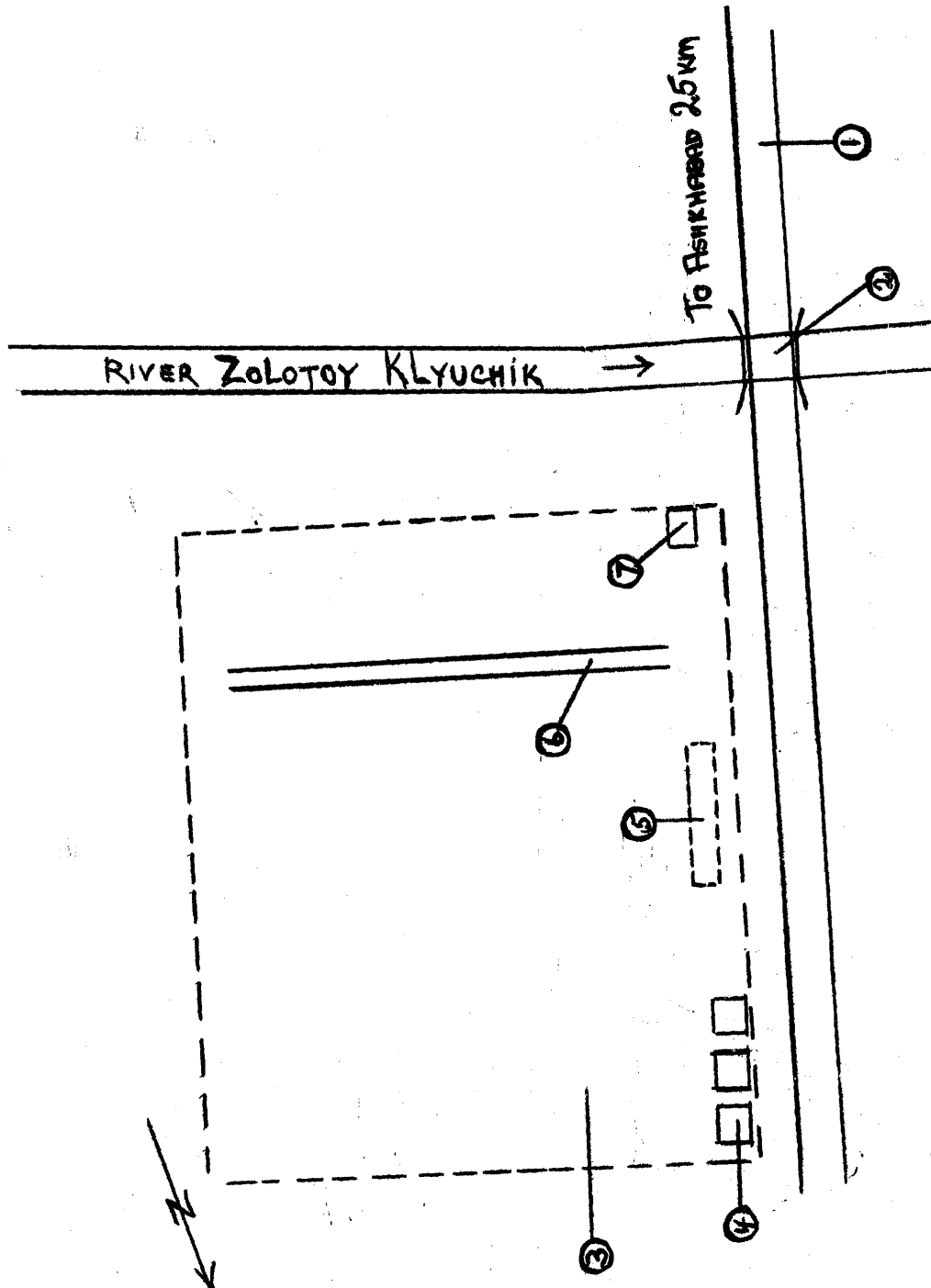
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Sketch of Ashkhabad/Firvuza Airfield

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